

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
STREET COMMITTEE

June 14, 2005

MAG Offices, Saguaro Conference Room  
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Larry Shobe, Tempe, Chairman	Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
Andrew Smith, ADOT	Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
Punya Khanal for Carnell Thurman, Avondale	Patrick Pittenger, Mesa
* Chris Young, Buckeye	Andrew Cooper, Paradise Valley
Dan Cook, Chandler	* Burton Charron, Peoria
* Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend	Mario Brown for Don Herp, Phoenix
* Michael Vinson, Gila River Indian Community	Mark Young, Queen Creek
Bruce Ward, Gilbert	* Elaine Cabrera, Salt River Pima-Maricopa I.C.
Allan Grover for Dan Sherwood, Glendale	Dave Meinhart, Scottsdale
Ronald Sievwright for Don French, Goodyear	Bob Maki for Brian Pirooz, Surprise
Jim Ricker, Guadalupe	Richard Rawnsley for Jason Earp, Tolleson
	* Jesse Mendez, Youngtown

\*Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Randy Allenstein, ADOT	Eileen O'Connell, MAG
Mitchell Foy, Mesa	Stephen Tate, MAG
	Paul Ward, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Shobe at 1:30 pm.

2. Approval of the April 12, 2005, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Audience and Stakeholders

There were no requests to speak to the Committee during this part of the agenda.

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

Paul Ward briefed the Committee on four items. The first item concerned pending TIP amendments. He indicated that he was preparing a tenth TIP amendment. This amendment will include federally

funded bridge, safety and transportation enhancement projects to be added to the current year of the TIP for Phoenix, Glendale and Mesa. Typically funding for these kinds of projects is not known when the TIP is developed and so must be added later via an amendment.

The second item concerned the final draft of the FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Ward noted that the draft TIP is available for review. It is expected that this TIP will be considered, in order, by the Transportation Review Committee, the Management Committee and the Transportation Policy Committee with adoption by Regional Council expected by July 27, 2005.

The third item concerned application forms for MAG federal funding for projects to be included in the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP. He noted that applications for MAG federal funding for non arterial life-cycle program (ALCP) projects to be included in the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP are due Friday September 2, 2005. Non ALCP projects include only Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), bicycle, pedestrian and transit projects. Application forms for non ALCP projects are included in the draft FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Guidance Report (TGR).

The final item discussed by Mr. Ward concerned the re-authorization of the national surface transportation act. Mr. Ward noted that separate re-authorization bills had been approved by each house of congress and that a conference committee had been established to merge them into a single bill to be considered by both houses. He noted that both bills included at least a 40 percent increase in federal funding, but that the level of CMAQ funding that would be available is still very unclear.

5. MAG Federally Funded Locally Sponsored Projects Development Status

Stephen Tate briefly discussed the status of MAG federally funded projects and then reviewed the schedule for obligating projects. He noted that the last day for the Regional Council to defer a project was July 27, 2005, that all paper work necessary to complete all three clearances (utilities, right-of-way and environmental ) and bid the project should be submitted to ADOT by August 1, 2005, and that the last day to obligate a project would be in mid September when the Federal Highway Administration closed its books for the federal fiscal year.

Mr. Tate stressed that requirements for obligating projects were becoming more stringent. For example, that project sponsors will now be required to complete a plans, specifications and estimates package prior to obligating a project. Previously, they had been allowed to obligate projects when 95 percent plans and clearances had been approved.

This sparked a general discussion. It was noted that the requirements were a moving target and that they were difficult for member agencies to comply with. Dan Cook, in particular, noted that an allowance should be made for projects already well into the design and review process.

6. FY 2005 MAG Closeout and Reprogramming Requests

Mr. Ward briefed the members of the Committee on the FY 2005 MAG Closeout. He noted that MAG expected that approximately \$20 million would be available in the closeout. This amount includes \$4.6 million in unallocated funding and \$15 million in funding expected to become

available through project deferrals, abandonments and additional funding. He went on to note that \$58 million in requests had been received and that most of these were for the procurement of design services and equipment.

7. MAG FY 2007-2011 TIP Guidance Report Development

Mr. Ward indicated that the TIP Guidance Report (TGR) for the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP was under development and that it included a number of sections that might prove useful to member agencies in developing projects for inclusion in the TIP. These included sections on federal funding programs, the schedule for the development of the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP and MAG federal funds applications. The report also includes sections on system performance, system preservation and Title VI populations.

8. Update of Federal Functional Classifications

Mr. Tate indicated that MAG had submitted a request to ADOT to functionally reclassify a large number of roadways in the MAG urbanized area. He indicated that he anticipated that MAG would soon begin a process to update the federal functional classification of roadways in the MAG rural area.

9. Arterial Life-Cycle Program

Eileen O'Connell gave a power point presentation on policies and procedures for the ALCP. She noted that policies and procedures were still under development, that they provided a process for programming arterial life-cycle projects by year and procedures to take into account inflation, changes in projected revenues and the requests of member agencies to advance and defer projects.

Some members asked for background information on the selection process for projects to be included in the ALCP. Ms. O'Connell noted that ALCP projects were identified by member agencies in the regional planning process. These projects were bundled together, evaluated and included in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) approved by the voters in November 2004. Regional and Federal funding allocated for ALCP projects is fully committed.

David Meinhart asked for information about federal funding available for the ALCP. This sparked a general discussion of the role of MAG federal funds in the ALCP. Mr. Ward noted that the RTP locked in federal funding for ALCP projects. The RTP identifies specific amounts of federal funding, percentage shares of federal funding to be used should funding forecasts be inaccurate and types of federal funding available for ALCP projects. It was also indicated that MAG would not be directly involved in the process to develop federal projects, instead that MAG would act as a funding agency, ensuring that federal funding was available and monitoring invoices and payments.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.